

**Ivy Avalos**  
Mayor  
**Ruben Reyes**  
At Large/Mayor Pro Tem  
**Cesar Nevarez**  
District



**Alejandro Garcia**  
District 2  
**Rudy Cruz, Jr.**  
District 3  
**Yvonne Colon-Villalobos**  
District 4

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 3, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Ivy Avalos  
Ruben Reyes  
Cesar Nevarez  
Alejandro Garcia  
Rudy Cruz, Jr.  
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos (*joined virtually 6:05 pm*)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager  
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk  
Jim Martinez, City Attorney (*joined virtually*)

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director  
Victor Reta, Rec. Ctrs. Director  
Charles Casiano, Finance Director  
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator  
Officer Tecomahua  
Jose Quinonez, Economic Recovery Coordinator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:02 pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Robert E. Rojas Elementary School, Alan Beltran, Javier Beltran, Brooklyn Nunez and Elian Rodriguez.

**3. Establishment of Quorum**

Quorum was established with all council members present.

**PROCLAMATION**

**4. PROCLAMATION WHEREAS THE CITY OF SOCORRO PROCLAIMS  
NOVEMBER 26, 2022 AS SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY.**

**MAYOR IVY AVALOS**

Mayor Ivy Avalos read proclamation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**5. PUBLIC COMENT**

Miriam Cruz spoke (*virtually*) during Public Comment.

**PRESENTATION**

**6. PRESENTATION AND UPDATE FROM ROBERT CAMPION PRESIDENT OF ELITE MEDICAL TRANSPORT REGARDING AMBULANCE SERVICES. ADRIANA RODARTE**

Yossif A. Lharbi made presentation.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 8. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, AND OCTOBER 20, 2022. OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING SEPTEMBER 2022 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT. CHARLES CASIANO**
- 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING SEPTEMBER 2022 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT. CHARLES CASIANO**
- 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING SEPTEMBER 2022 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT. CHARLES CASIANO**
- 12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE REZONING OF 2605 DARRINGTON ROAD, BEING LOT 7, BLOCK 1, CLINT VENTURE COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION UNIT FIVE (AMENDING), SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) AND APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A TRUCKING COMPANY AND REPAIR SHOP. CARLOS GALLINAR**
- 13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46 ZONING, ARTICLE V. SUPPLEMENTAL USE REGULATIONS, SECTION 46-634. SIGNS. BY MODIFYING SUBSECTION 24. CARLOS GALLINAR**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES**

- 14. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46 ZONING, ARTICLE IV. DISTRICT REGULATIONS BY ADDING DIVISION 16. GENERAL MIXED USE DISTRICT. WHEN REQUIRED, OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO MUNICIPAL CODE. CARLOS GALLINAR**

Public Hearing opened at 6:18 pm

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:18 pm

- 15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46 ZONING, ARTICLE IV. DISTRICT REGULATIONS BY ADDING DIVISION 16. GENERAL MIXED USE DISTRICT. WHEN REQUIRED, OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO MUNICIPAL CODE. CARLOS GALLINAR**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

- 16. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 SUBDIVISIONS, ARTICLE I. GENERAL, SECTION 38-20 DEDICATION OF LAND FOR PUBLIC USE, BY DELETING THIS SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 38-20 PARKLAND DEDICATION. CARLOS GALLINAR**

Public Hearing opened at 6:39 pm

Miriam Cruz was signed to speak but had left the meeting.

Public Hearing closed at 6:40 pm

**17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 SUBDIVISIONS, ARTICLE I. GENERAL, SECTION 38-20 DEDICATION OF LAND FOR PUBLIC USE, BY DELETING THIS SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 38-20 PARKLAND DEDICATION.**  
**CARLOS GALLINAR**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr. seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *suspend the rule and allow a speaker to speak*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

Esther Alvarado spoke on this item.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

**GRANTS DEPARTMENT**

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 720 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A FOREIGN TRADE ZONE UNDER THE ALTERNATIVE SITE FRAMEWORK AS DEFINED IN 15 CFR 400.2(C).**

**ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve for discussion*.

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item eighteen*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FY 2022 WEST TEXAS HIDTA PROGRAM AND ACCEPT THE GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,533.00 FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT.**  
**ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE SPENDING FRAMEWORK FOR CITY OF SOCORRO'S ALLOCATION UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (CLFRF) APPROVED IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA).**  
**ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

### **PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT**

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 721 APPROVING A REPLAT FOR SOCORRO MISSION SUBDIVISION UNIT 1 REPLAT C LOCATED AT 601 ZEBU ROAD AND BEING ALL OF LOT 10, BLOCK 10, SOCORRO MISSION SUBDIVISION UNIT 1 REPLAT C LOCATED AT 601 ZEBU ROAD AND BEING ALL OF LOT 10, BLOCK 10, SOCORRO MISSION SUBDIVISION UNIT 1, SOCORRO, TEXAS AND APPROVING A VARIANCE TO ALLOW A 5' REAR YARD SETBACK ON LOT 1 AND IMPOSING A CONDITION THAT THE SIDE YARD SETBACK NEAREST THE EXISTING HOME LOT 2 BE AT 10".**  
**CARLOS GALLINAR**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-one*. Motion passed

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 7:13 pm

Ruben Reyes stepped back into the meeting at 7:14 pm

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 722 APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR EASTWIND INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION, BEING ROBERT E NIX SURVEY NO. 302, 303, AND 304, SOCORRO TEXAS.**

**CARLOS GALLINAR**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

Jorge Ascarate from CEA Engineering and representing the owner spoke on this item.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

**CITY MANAGER**

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE, CAMACHO-HERNANDEZ WORK ORDER 3 AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE WORK ORDER.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

**24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE , HUITT-ZOLLARS, INC. WORK ORDER 1 & 2 AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE WORK ORDER.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

**25. DISCUSSION, ACTION AND PRESENTATION TO APPROVE, CONTERRA NETWORKS FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO NETWORK AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE WORK ORDER. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SPEND \$ 20,000.00 FOR 4 COMMUNITY CLEAN UPS INCLUDING THE TIRE AMNESTY IN FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO INCLUDE BUDGET AND VOLUNTEERS TO CREATE A STREET MURAL ON RIO VISTA ROAD. *ALEJANDRO GARCIA***

A motion was by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item number twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

Ruben Reyes stepped out at 7:41 pm.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

Ruben Reyes stepped back into the meeting at 7:43.

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr. seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *move into Executive Session*.

Alejandro Garcia stepped out of the meeting at 7:46 pm.

City Attorney James A. Martinez recommended to postpone Executive Session for next Regular Council Meeting.

**28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION, AND ACTION TO APPROVE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION; AUTHORIZE FILING OR SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL ACTION; AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERT WITNESSES AND CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO PENDING LEGAL MATTERS. ADRIANA RODARTE**

**29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, JOB PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES, REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THESE MATTERS. ADRIANA RODARTE**

**30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items twenty-eight (28), twenty-nine (29) and thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

**31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC., APPLICATION TO INCREASE GAS UTILITY RATES. RRC MATTER NO. OS-22-00009896. [551.071] JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *postpone for the next Regular Council Meeting of November 17, 2022*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia



Alejandro Garcia stepped back into the meeting at 7:48 pm

**32. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to  
*adjourn at 7:48 pm.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne  
Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:



Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



*Nov 17, 2022*

Date minutes were approved